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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON EAST TIMOR IN FOURTH COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: TO SURPRISE OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION, WHEN EAST TIMOR ITEM CAME UP FOR VOTE IN FOURTH COMMITTEE JUST AFTER NOON NOVEMBER 9, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE (ALLAF OF SYRIA) ANNOUNCED THAT, AT REQUEST OF NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, VOTE ON THIS ITEM WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 10). REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT LIKELY CAME FROM SUPPORTERS OF FRETILIN SUCH AS MOZAMBIQUE AND ANOLA PLUS, ACCORDING TO INDONESIANS, USSR. AT CONCLUSION OF VOTING ON OTHER RESES MORNING NOVEMBER 9, INDONESIAN DELEGATION RECEIVED SECOND UNPLEASANT SURPRISE. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRETILIN RAMOS HORTA HAD ASKED TO MAKE FURTHER STATEMENT ON EAST TIMOR SITUATION. STATING DEBATE NOW CLOSED, INDONESIAN DELEGATION FORMALLY OBJECTED TO ALLOWING FRETILIN TO SPEAK. RECORDED VOTE WAS HELD ON PERMITTING FRETILIN TO SPEAK. RESULT OF VOTE WAS 67-24-38 (US). HORTA THEN MADE STATEMENT IN WHICH HE REFUTED POINTS MADE BY INDONESIAN AMB ANWAR SANI IN NOVEMBER 9 SPEECH (SEE USUN 4464). HORTA SUPPORTED DRAFT RES A/C.4/32/L.9 BEFORE COMMITTEE. HE PARTICULARLY STRESSED FRETILIN WOULD WELCOME UN MISSION TO EAST TIMOR

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(OPERATIVE PARAS 4 AND 5 OF DRAFT RESL, WHICH, HE ADDED, SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS FROM WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, US CONGRESS, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHERS. FRETILIN WOULD ALSO WELCOME VISIT OF ICRC (OPERATIVE PARA 7 OF DRAFT RES) AND WOULD HAND OVER INDONESIAN POW'S TO SUCH VISITING ICRC TEAM. HORTA STATED FRETILIN WILLNG TO FIND NEGOTIATED

SOLUTION TO WAR IN EAST TIMOR, BUT ADDED COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN FORCES ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. VOTE ON DRAFT RES ON EAST TIMOR NOW EXPECTED TO OCCUR MORNING NOVEMBER 10. SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO SUBMITTED DOCUMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT BEGINNING OF FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 9, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED TO MISOFFS THAT VOTING ON DRAFT RESES WOULD FOLLOW ORDER PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 9 UN JOURNAL, WITH EAST TIMOR FOURTH ITEM TO BE VOTED ON BY COMMITTEE. DURING COURSE OF MORNING, INDONESIAN DELEGATION HEARD RUMOR THAT VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WOULD ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON EAST TIMOR. INDONESIAN PERMREP CONFIRMED WITH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE TO FOURTH COMMITTEE THAT VIETNAM HAD NO REPEAT NO SUCH INTENTION.

3. IT THEREFORE CAME AS SURPRISE TO INDONESIANS THAT, WHEN EAST TIMOR ITEM CAME UP FOR VOTE JUST AFTER NOON NOVEMBER 9, CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMMITTEE (ALLAF OF SYRIA) ANNOUNCED THAT, AT REQUEST OF NUMBER OF DELGATIONS, VOTE ON THIS ITEM WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 10). INDONESIAN MISOFFS SURMISED REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT HAD COME FROM SUCH FRETILIN SUPPORTERS AS MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. LATER INDONESIAN DELOFF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD USSR ALSO BEHIND REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT.

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4. AT CONCLUSION OF VOTING ON OTHER RESES MORNING NOVEMBER 9, INDONESIAN DELEGATION RECEIVED SECOND UNPLEASANT SURPRISE. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRETILIN RAMOS HORTA HAD ASKED FOR FLOOR TO MAKE FURTHER STATEMENT ON EAST TIMOR. INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE INTERVENED TO STATE HIS UNDERSTANDING DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT WAS CLOSED NOVEMBER 8 AND QUESTION WAS TO HAVE BEEN VOTED ON NOVEMBER 9. INDEED, COMMITTEE HAD NOW COMMENCED VOTING ON DRAFT RESES. CHAIRMAN RESPONDED THAT, ON CONTRARY, QUESTION STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION ON THE AGENDA. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF FRETILIN'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD. IRANIAN REP SAID IF DEBATE CLOSED, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FRETILIN. AS INDONESIANS PERSISTED WITH THEIR OBJECTION, RECORDED VOTE WAS HELD ON WHETHER FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK. RESULT WAS 67 IN FAVOR, 24 OPPOSED AND 38 ABSTENTIONS. US ABSTAINED.

5. VOTE BROKE OUT AS FOLLOWS: IN FAVOR: AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CAPE VERDE, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, CHAD, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COMOROS, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA,

FIJI, FINLAND, GAMBIA, GERMAN DR, GHANA, GREECE, GUINEA,
GUINEA-BISSAU, GUYANA, HAITI, HUNGARY, ICELAND, JAMAICA,
LPDR, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MEXICO, MONGOLIA,
MOZAMBIQUE, NIGER, NORWAY, PANAMA, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL,

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AND ZAMBIA. OPPOSED: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, CHILE, EGYPT,
IRSAEL, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JAPAN, MAURITANIA,
MALAYSIA, MALDIVES, OMAN, NEW ZEALAND, MOROCCO, PARAGUAY,
PHILIPPINES, SURINAM, TUNISIA, TURKEY, THAILAND, ZAIRE, AND
URUGUAY. ABSTENTIONS: BOLIVIA, BANGLADESH, BOTSWANA,
BELGIUM, BURMA, COSTA RICA, CANADA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
EL SALVADOR, DENMARK, FRANCE, GABON, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IRELAND, JORDAN, ITALY, IVORY
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NIGERIA, NEPAL, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, QATAR, SINGAPORE, SPAIN,
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, YEMEN, US, UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES, UK, AND VENEZUELA.

6. HORTA THEN MADE STATMENT IN WHICH HE REFUTED POINTS MADE
BY INDONESIAN AMB ANWAR SANI IN LATTER'S SPEECH OF NOVEMBER 8
(SEE USUN 4464). HORTA SUPPORTED DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/32/L.9
WHICH IS BEFORE COMMITTEE. HE CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION
TO OPERATIVE PARAS 4 AND 5 OF DRAFT RES WHICH REQUEST UN
COMMITTEE OF 24 AND SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SEND MISSIONS
OR REPRESENTATIVES TO EAST TIMOR. FRETILIN WOULD WELCOME
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US MISSION, HORTA SAID. SUCH A UN MISSION SHOULD ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS WHO MAY WISH TO VISIT TERRITORY. IN THIS CATEGORY, HORTA NAMED WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, REPRESENTATIVES OF US CONGRESS, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. FRETILIN WOULD ALSO WELCOME VISIT OF ICRC AS CALLED FOR IN OPERATIVE PARA 7 OF DRAFT RES ON EAST TIMOR. HORTA ANNOUNCED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FRETILIN WOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF SUCH AN ICRC VISIT TO HAND OVER INDONESIAN POW'S "WHO HAVE BEEN IGNORED BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT." HORTA STATED FRETILIN LEADERSHIP ADMIRER PEOPLE OF INDONESIA, BUT HAD BEEN HORRIFIED BY SUCH ACTS AS INVASION OF EAST TIMOR, MASSACRES OF INDONESIANS BY INDONESIANS IN 1965/66, AND SUFFERING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDONESIA. HE CLAIMED THAT "SECESSIONIST WARS" BEING WAGED BY PEOPLES OF WEST PAPUA, WEST TIMOR AND ACHECH-SUMATRA. HORTA WARNED INDONESIA WILL SOON FACE MAJOR UPHEAVAL. HE STATED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FRETILIN WILLING TO FIND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO WAR IN EAST TIMOR UNDER UN AUSPICES AND ON BASIS OF UN RESES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WAS COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES FROM EAST TIMOR. (TEXT OF SPEECH BEING POUCHED IO/UNP.)

7. AT END OF STATEMENT, REPRESENTATIVE OF MOZAMBIQUE ASKED THAT HORTA'S REMARKS BE INCLUDED IN FULL IN RECORD OF FOURTH COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS. CHAIRMAN THEN ANNOUNCED NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AM NOVEMBER 10.

8. USUN ALSO POUCHING TO IO/UNP STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 153 OF PROCEDURE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/32/L.9. CONCLUSION OF SECRETARIAT IS THAT VISITING MISSION ENVISAGED IN PARA 4 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION TO

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BE SENT BY COMMITTEE OF 24 TO EAST TIMOR WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$28,900. THESE COSTS COULD BE MET FROM RESOURCES ALREADY REQUESTED FOR COMMITTEE OF 24'S BUDGET FOR 1978-79. TRIP BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SYG ENVISAGED IN PARA 5 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$17,100, FOR WHICH SPECIAL APPROPRIATION WOULD BE REQUIRED.
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